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A. FOLLOWING GENERAL COMITE MEETING HSING (PRC)
APPROACHED STOTTLEMYER IN FIFTH COMITE TO CONSULT ON
INTRODUCTION OF ARABIC AS UN LANGUAGE IN ACCORDANCE
PREVIOUS AGREEMENT (REF B). PRC HAS NOT DECIDED
POSITION ON INTRODUCTION ARABIC BUT WISHES CONSULT
FURTHER AFTER US AND PRC HAVE STUDIED QUESTION CAREFULLY.
STOTTLEMYER AGREED. HSING CONCURRED IN VIEW THAT WHILE
CHINESE AND ARABIC LANGUAGE QUESTIONS DIFFERENT THEY ARE
BECOMING INTERMINGLED. HSING CONCERNED AT FIGURE HE HAD
HEARD ON COST OF INTRODUCING ARABIC (\$3 MILLION) AS
COMPARED WITH PROJECTION OF INITIAL COST OF \$600 TO \$700
THOUSAND FOR MAKING CHINESE WORKING LANGUAGE. HSING
APPEARED SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT SIZE OF UN BUDGET IN
GENERAL AND ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATION OF MAKING CHINESE
AND ARABIC WORKING LANGUAGE IN PARTICULAR.

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